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AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 11 – 18 as follows. Please add claims 19 – 44 as follows.

- 1 1. (Original) A method of presenting a unified view of a first message sent to a first
- 2 mailbox on a second client using a low cost communication channel and a high
- 3 cost communication channel, the first mailbox coupled by a first communication
- 4 channel to a first client, the first client having a second communication channel
- 5 with a second mailbox and a low cost communication channel with the second
- 6 client, the second client capable of being coupled in communication with the
- 7 second mailbox using the high cost communication channel, the method
- 8 comprising:
- 9 receiving the first message at the first client;
- 10 generating a distinguishing identifier for the first message;
- 11 sending at least a portion of the first message and the distinguishing identifier to
- 12 the second mailbox using the second communication channel;
- 13 responsive to an action on the first message on the first client, creating a second
- 14 message including the distinguishing identifier and a description of the
- 15 action;
- 16 sending the second message to the second mailbox using the second
- 17 communication channel;
- 18 selectably updating the unified view of the first message on the second client
- 19 using either the high cost communication channel or the low cost
- 20 communication channel.

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1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the selectably updating the unified
2 view further comprises:
3 using the low cost communication channel when the second client is coupled in
4 communication with the first;
5 updating the unified view of the first message on the second client using the at
6 least a portion of the first message and the action;
7 removing the at least a portion of the first message and the second message from
8 the second mailbox after updating the unified view.

1 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the selectably updating the unified
2 view further comprises:
3 using the high cost communication channel when the second client is coupled in
4 communication with the second mailbox;
5 receiving the at least a portion of the first message on the second client from the
6 second mailbox;
7 receiving the second message on the second client using the second message; and
8 updating the unified view of the first message on the second client using the
9 second message.

1 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the high cost communication channel
2 comprises a wireless communication channel.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the low cost communication channel
2 comprises a synchronization communication channel.

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1 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the action comprises at least one of
2 reading the first message, replying to the first message, forwarding the first
3 message, classifying the first message, and deleting the first message.

1 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first message includes an
2 attachment, and wherein the at least a portion of the first message comprises a
3 predetermined amount of the first message without the attachment.

1 8. (Original) An apparatus for presenting a unified view of a first message sent to a
2 first mailbox on a second client using a low cost communication channel and a
3 high cost communication channel, the first mailbox coupled by a first
4 communication channel to a first client, the first client having a second
5 communication channel with a second mailbox and a low cost communication
6 channel with a second client, the second client capable of being coupled in
7 communication with the second mailbox using the high cost communication
8 channel, the method comprising:
9 means for receiving the message at the first client;
10 means for generating a distinguishing identifier for the first message;
11 means for sending at least a portion of the first message and the distinguishing
12 identifier to the second mailbox using the second communication channel;
13 means for creating a second message including the distinguishing identifier and a
14 description of the action responsive to an action on the first message on
15 the first client;

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16 means for sending the second message to the second mailbox using the second
17 communication channel;
18 means for selectably updating the unified view of the first message on the second
19 client using either the high cost communication channel or the low cost
20 communication channel.

1 9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the means for generating a
2 distinguishing identifier for the first message comprises:
3 means for generating a string with an address corresponding to the first mailbox;
4 means for generating an increasing number; and
5 means for adding a header to the first message, the header including the
6 increasing number and the string.

1 10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the means for generating a
2 distinguishing identifier for the first message comprises means for computing a
3 secure hash of a portion of the first message.

1 11 - 18. (Canceled)

1 19. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 1.

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- 1 20. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 2.
- 1 21. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 3.
- 1 22. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 4.
- 1 23. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 5.
- 1 24. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 6.
- 1 25. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 7.

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1 26. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 8.

1 27. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 9.

1 28. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 10.

1 29. (New) A method of presenting a unified view of messages in a first mailbox and
2 a second mailbox, wherein the first mailbox is hosted by a first host and the
3 second mailbox is hosted by a second host, comprising:
4 a first client of the first mailbox receiving a first message addressed to the first
5 mailbox;
6 determining whether the first message has been assigned an identifier;
7 if the first message has not been assigned an identifier, then:
8 generating a first identifier that is unique relative to other identifiers
9 assigned to the messages by the first client and a second client of
10 the second mailbox, and
11 sending at least a portion of the first message to the second mailbox;
12 detecting an action taken on the first message by the first client; and

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13 in response to detecting the action, transmitting a second message to the second
14 client that includes the first identifier and a description of the action.

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1 30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein:

2 a set of channel communications between the first client and the second client

3 includes a first channel of communication and a second channel of

4 communication;

5 the steps further include selecting the first channel of communication; and

6 wherein the step of sending the first message includes sending the first message

7 via the first channel.

1 31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the first channel of communication does

2 not require participation of the second host to transmit the first message.

1 32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the second channel of communication

2 includes a wireless channel of communication.

1 33. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein selecting the first channel of

2 communication includes selecting the first channel based on relative cost between

3 the first channel and the second channel.

1 34. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein sending the first message is deferred

2 until a connection is established over the first channel.

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1 35. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the steps further include, if the first
2 message has been assigned an identifier, foregoing sending at least a portion of
3 the first message to the second mailbox.

1 36. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein sending the second message causes the
2 action to be repeated on the second client.

1 37. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 29.

1 38. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 30.

1 39. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 31.

1 40. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 32.

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1 41. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 33.

1 42. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 34.

1 43. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 35.

1 44. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or
3 more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 36.